

4 seek party's nod for Lake commissioner

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Democratic and Republican primary voters will each have their choice of two candidates from their respective party to nominate March 6 to run for Lake County commissioner for the term commencing Jan. 2.

Commissioner Raymond E. Sines, a Perry Village Republican, chose not to seek reelection to the four-year term.

Democratic candidates are Eastlake Mayor Ted Andrzejewski and Willowick City Council President Judy Moran. Republican candidates are Willoughby Hills City Councilman David M. Fiebig and North Perry Village Councilman Richard Shreve.

There are 148,750 registered voters in the county for the March 6 primary.

Of that total, there are 10,954 Democrats and 12,285 Republicans, but many could decide to switch parties for the primary and independent voters could select to vote a Democratic or Republican

ballot and therefore become a member of the respective party.

The salary for the commissioner position is \$76,976.

Here is what the candidates had to say on their election questionnaires.

Democrat

Andrzejewski

Andrzejewski, 58, was elected Eastlake mayor in November 2004 and served as Eastlake Ward 3 councilman for 2004.

He aims to be a fiscally conservative watchdog of taxpayers' money and would use his banking background to help guide him to provide required services without raising taxes.

"(I would) continue to decrease the size of county government through attrition, retirements and consolidation of departments," he said.

Andrzejewski said he would represent the best interests of cities, townships and villages and end practices that

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shift county expenses to municipalities.

Moran

Moran, 52, is a deputy clerk at Mentor Municipal Court and has served as Willowick City Council president since 2005 and was Willowick Ward 1 councilwoman from 1997 before her service as council president. She is a Lake County Democratic Party Precinct Committee member.

She said the county needs to concentrate on jobs and economic development.

"We need to have comprehensive ongoing conversation with our local businesses to find out how the county can best provide leadership on economic development issues," Moran said.

She said the county needs to be proactive as the state cuts funding.

Republican

Fiebig

Fiebig, 52, is a business owner, has served as Willoughby Hills councilman at large since 2008 and is a Lake County Republican Party Precinct Committee member.

He cites his education, experience and skills required to effectively provide the vision and leadership the county needs.

"My service and experience in a very diverse community and the participation in the city's recent turnaround will be vital in my approach to county government," Fiebig said.

He said his plan to make the county job-ready includes working with public and private sector to enhance private sector job growth, not to raise taxes and to conduct a county-

wide assessment through a performance audit of operations.

Shreve

Shreve, 51, a business owner and has served as a North Perry Village councilman for 20 years, including six years as council president.

He would strive to improve communication between the county and local governments, scrutinize each line item of the county budget and aim to help businesses start and existing business to expand.

"I will bring these experiences to the commissioners' office to balance the interest of all county stakeholders," Shreve said.

"I have learned the importance of planning, facilitating and encouraging business development."

He said hard work, common sense leadership and communication would bring the county back stronger than ever.

